

LAMOINE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008 AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE LAMOINE TOWN HALL
LAMOINE, MAINE

Members Present: Christina Harding, Chair; Robert Pulver, Nancy Sargent,
Fatih Perkins, Kathleen Rybarz
Members Late: None
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Val Perkins, Principal; Leah Treadwell, Assistant Principal; Omar
P. Norton, Superintendent; David Bridgham, Business Manager,
Susan Smith, Curriculum Coordinator
Others: Stu Marckoon, Brett Jones, Anne Stocking

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 11/3/08**

A motion was made by Bob Pulver, seconded by Kathleen Rybarz, **to accept the Minutes of 11/3/08 as presented.**

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 Minutes)**

Anne Stocking asked the Board to act on establishing a handicapped parking space(s) located near the front door of the school. Ms. Stocking asked that action be taken on correcting this situation. This item will be address as Item 7.D.

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Moved Item 7.A. to 8. E.

Added Item 7.D. "Provision for Handicapped Parking at a the School"

5. **COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

A. **Chairperson** – Ms. Harding reported that she will finish the transportation report and get it back to everyone. In addition, Ms. Harding reported on the following:

- a. Distributed *Maine Perspective* printed by the Public Employees Retirement System; and
- b. Circulated a copy of *Adaptive Access* dealing with ADA compliance rules.

B. Administration

- 1. **Principal's Report** – A copy of Mr. Perkins's written report will be made a part of the official minutes.
- 2. **Superintendent's Report**- A copy of Mr. Norton's written report will be made a part of the official minutes.

C. Standing Committee Reports

- 1. **Building Committee** – no report

David Bridgham reported that there will be a walk thorough regarding the punch list at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 23rd.

D. Warrant Signatures – The Warrants were:

Warrant #6 in the amount of \$203,431.73

Warrant #6-A in the amount of \$3,689.86; and

Construction Warrant #6 in the amount of \$3,020.72 were signed by the School Committee.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Consolidation

Positive coverage of this subject will be generated by wide distribution of the prepared "Question and Answer" document through e-mail from the Lamoine Town Office. The Principal will assist by reminding parents of the costs associated with the negative vote.

1. **Update on Land/Building Transfer to RSU**

There was a consensus that the school property and the fire department property be clearly and agreeably separated. Robert Pulver, working with Brett Jones, Chief Smith and Cynthia Donaldson, will suggest the proper property line(s). David Bridgham agreed to look into the liability/insurance questions associated with the School Committee's responsibility regarding outcome of this activity. Brett Jones agreed to check out municipal issues associated with this action.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Update on LCS Health Curriculum/Susan Smith, Curriculum Coordinator**

Susan Smith gave an update on the implementation of the health curriculum. Teachers from across Union 92 worked with Susan and Jenny Gott to develop a health curriculum aligned with the new Maine Learning Results. *The Great Body Shop* was then chosen to be piloted as a resource for teachers to use in delivering the curriculum. In Lamoine, the Kindergarten, Second and Fourth Grade classroom teachers are using *The Great Body Shop*. The Physical Education teacher is using this resource with Grades Six, Seven, and Eight. The First, Third, and Fifth Grade teachers are using the health text book that has been used in the past. Due to the reduction of the physical education/health position to less than full time, teaching health has become the responsibility of the K-5 classroom, however, there have been some challenges. In order to get feedback from teachers regarding *The Great Body Shop*, Jenny and Susan will be surveying the teachers and holding a focus group session this winter. Some of this work has been funded through the Healthy Maine Partnership Grant.

B. **Update on Lead/Teacher/Part Time Principal Format**

The Principal is generally in the school three days each week with Ms. Treadwell in charge for two days. Mr. Perkins coordinates his schedule around PET meetings which require the presence of an administrator. They meet once a day and coordinate schedules, such as bus schedules. Secretary Betty Anderson is also included in the planning. The Principal feels the plan is working o.k. Ms. Treadwell is called out from class occasionally, but has a classroom aide who helps out at those times. Ms. Treadwell said this is working in great part due to the fact that Mr. Perkins and she have worked together for so many years.

C. Provision for Handicapped Parking at the School

Following a lengthy discussion of this worthy subject, **a motion was made** by Faith Perkins, Nancy Sargent, **to establish how parking spaces in front of the school could be gained through bringing the school into compliance with regulations regarding handicapped parking.**

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A. **Board Requests for Information** - None

B. **Board Comments**

Be prepared for a special School Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 11th at the Lamoine Town Office if there is a “NO” vote on December 9th.

C. **Future Agenda Items**

- February: Curriculum Update from Susan Smith
- January: Begin the Hiring Process for a Principal
- Transportation/Tuition Policy
- Next Steps with Respect to Expiring Terms of School Committee Members

D. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lamoine Town Hall.

E. State of Maine Budget Reductions-Effect on LCS

Because of a scheduling conflict with another meeting held at the Town Office, the School Committee recessed to a vacant, private spare room to discuss matters pertaining to the impending curtailment of State subsidy funds. **A motion was made** by Robert Pulver, seconded by Chrissy Harding, **to go into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the budget curtailment.** [1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(a)]

Time In: 6:58 p.m.

Time Out 7:20 p.m.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Pulver, seconded by Nancy Sargent.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

Time: 7:21 p.m.

Attest: a true record

Omar P. Norton, Secretary